

## OBITUARY FOR 1837.

in 1812, entered the East India Company's army, on the Bengal establishment, in 1830, became colonel in 1862, major-general in 1868, and lieutenant-general in 1877. He was placed on the supernumerary list in 1881. General Ramsay, who was for many years Resident at the Courts of Nagpore and Nepaul, married, in 1846, Eleanor Mary, daughter of Lieutenant-General David Williams, of the Bengal Army.

## GENERAL WILLIAM JAMES SMYTHE.

General William James Smythe died on July 12th. He entered the Royal Artillery in 1833, and served in the first Caffre war under Sir Benjamin D'Urban. From 1842 to 1847 he was Director of the Magnetic and Meteorological Observatory at St. Helena, and from 1850 to 1853 he acted as Director of Artillery Studies. He was sent as Commissioner to the Fiji Islands in 1860, and was placed as a General on the Retired List in 1881. He was also a member of the Royal Irish Academy and a Fellow of the Royal Society.

## ADMIRAL SIR HENRY MANGLES DENHAM.

Admiral Sir Henry Mangles Denham, who died on July 5th, was born in the year 1800. He was a son of the late Mr. Henry Denham, of Sherborne, Dorsetshire. He received in 1867 the honour of knighthood in recognition of his hydrographical services and maritime explorations in both hemispheres and production of charts, which at various intervals and dates since 1822 have elicited the thanks of successive Lords of the Admiralty, together with enrolment and complimentary recognitions on the part of institutions at home and abroad identified with coasting and oceanic navigation. He was promoted to the rank of Admiral on the retired list in 1877, and he was also an Elder Brother of the Trinity House. Sir Henry M. Denham married, in 1826, Isabella, daughter of the late Rev. Joseph Cole, of Carmarthen, and was left a widower in 1865.

## ADMIRAL GEORGE THOMAS GORDON.

Admiral George Thomas Gordon, who died about July 30, was born in 1807. He entered the Navy in 1818, became a commander in 1840, a post-captain in 1846, and was promoted to the rank of rear-admiral in 1861, retired vice-admiral in 1871, and admiral in 1879. He is supposed to have been the only survivor of Captain W. F. Owen's exploring and surveying expedition of the African coasts, Madagascar, and other islands. He served on the Spanish coast from 1835 to 1840 during the first Carlist war and as flag captain to the Commander-in-Chief during the operations in the Baltic in 1854. He was appointed in 1855 to the Royal yacht Osborne to bring His Majesty King Victor Emmanuel to England and to convey him back to Boulogne. He commanded the Steam Reserve at Portsmouth from 1858 to 1861.

## VICE-ADMIRAL EDWARD JAMES BEDFORD.

Vice-Admiral Edward James Bedford, who died on July 1st, at the age of 77, was the second son of the late Lieutenant Frederick Bedford, R.N. He entered the Royal Navy in 1824, and was for some years employed in surveying on the Newfoundland and South American stations. From 1833 to 1838 he was employed upon the Admiralty survey of the English coast, and afterwards on that of Scotland. He was promoted to the rank of commander in 1849 at the request of the late Prince Consort, who, with Her Majesty, had twice inspected and approved the surveys which he had conducted under Captain Robinson. He was subsequently engaged for some years upon the survey of the Argyllshire coast. He was promoted to flag rank in 1878, and to that of vice-admiral in 1884. The admiral was a member of the Royal Geographical and other learned societies, and married a Miss Swainson, of Liverpool, by whom he has left a family.

## REAR-ADMIRAL CHARLES R. F. BOXER.

Rear-Admiral Charles R. F. Boxer died on the 27th July. He entered the Navy in 1834, and was mate of the Cumberland during the Russian war in the Baltic of 1851, and also mate of the Harry, flagship of Admiral Boxer, at Constantinople, and for zeal displayed